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App available for Montana Folk Fest

"If you're curious about how this year's Montana Folk Festival is coming together, check out the festival on your smartphone before you get to Butte," said George Everett, director for the Montana Folk Festival.

The new mobile app will make it easier for attendees before and during the event to satisfy their curiosity about any aspect of the Montana Folk Festival, July 12-14 in Butte.

Anyone with a smartphone can download the free mobile app at the iTunes Store. Look for EventBase and when you have it on your phone, search the app for the Montana Folk Festival.

The new app provides schedule details, video clips, music clips and much more about the upcoming event. Or, if you prefer a bigger screen, the same level of detail can be found at the website, www.montanafolkfestival.com or on Facebook at [Mtfolkfest](https://www.facebook.com/Mtfolkfest).



Big Sky Classical Music Festival: Cassatt String Quartet

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL ROUNDUP

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Billings & Eastern Montana

Festival of Nations – Aug. 2-3 in Red Lodge; the oldest festival in the region includes ethnic cuisine, music, dancing and games (406-426-0913 or redlodgefestivalofnations.com).

Magic City Blues Fest

– Aug. 8-11 on Montana Avenue and at South Park in Billings; headlining Montana's 12th annual urban music festival are Blues Traveler on Friday, the Steve Miller Band on Saturday, and the Robert Cray Band on Sunday. The main stage also includes the Sons of Fathers, Vintage Trouble, Maxie Ford, Allen Stone, Peter Karp and Sue Foley and Matt Anderson. Performing on the Stillwater Stage are Mac Arnold and Plate Full 'O Blues, the Kenny James Miller Band, Jacob Jones, and the Alex Nauman Organ Trio +3. A free, all-ages concert and barbecue at St. John's, 7 p.m. Aug. 8, features music by Jacob Jones (406-534-0400 or www.magiccityblues.com).

Montana Fair Concerts – Aug. 9-11 at MetraPark in Billings; performing this year: Academy of Country Music New Male Artist of the Year **Brantley Gilbert**, 7 p.m. Aug. 9; **The Offspring** with **Chevelle**, 7 p.m. Aug. 10; and **Hunter Hayes** with **Gloriana**, 7 p.m. Aug. 11 (406-256-2422 or www.montanafair.com).

Bozeman area

Montana Chamber Music Festival – 7:30 p.m. July 11 at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman, July 10 at the Marotz/Baden Enterprise Ranch in the Gallatin Valley and July 12 at Rainbow Ranch in Big Sky; the Montana Chamber Music Society celebrates the 25th anniversary of the festival with a trio of concerts. Artists include members of the renowned Muir Quartet (Peter Zazofsky, Bayla Keyes and Michael Reynolds) and acclaimed guest musicians (406-551-4700 or www.montanachambermusicsociety.org).

Summerfest Along the Yellowstone – July 19-21 at Sacajawea Park in Livingston; this 14th annual outdoor festival kicks off Friday with Little Jane and the Pistol Whips and The Max. The Clumsy Lovers deliver their mix of Celtic rock on Saturday, along with The Shufflebums, the Bop-a-Dips and Western Skies. The Trishas, Gwen Sebastian and Screen Porch Door take the stage on Sunday (406-222-8155 or www.livingstonmusicfestival.com).

Sweet Pea Festival – Aug. 2-4 at Lindley Park; revel in music, theatre, dance and visual arts during this giant arts festival (406-586-4003 or www.sweetpeafestival.org).

Big Sky Classical Music Festival – 6 p.m. Aug. 9-11 at the Town Center Park in Big Sky; Eric Funk is music/artistic director for the 2013 festival, which begins Friday with the acclaimed Cassatt String Quartet of New York performing works by Beethoven, Copland and Schubert. The Florestan Trio from Portland – lauded as "one of Oregon's musical treasures" – takes the stage Saturday; and the festival concludes Sunday with the Big Sky Festival Orchestra (406-995-2742 or bigskyarts.org).

Rockin' the Rivers – Aug. 9-11 at The Bridge in the Jefferson River Canyon near Three Forks; 15th annual rock fest mixes classic and contemporary sounds, beginning Friday with the Boozehounds, Trixter, Firehouse, Warrant, Tesla and No Quarter. Saturday's headliners include Jared Stewart, Saliva, Saving Abel, Black Stone Cherry, Rick Springfield and Hell's Belles (AC/DC tribute). The rock fest wraps up Sunday with Peter Rivera, Whiskey River, Sweet, the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, Jackyl and Arch Allies (800-555-8989 or www.rockintherivers.com).

Butte & Southwest Montana

St. Timothy's Summer Music Festival – 4 p.m. Sundays, June 30, July 14 and 28, and Aug. 11 and 25 at St. Timothy's Chapel above Georgetown Lake; the five-concert series begins June 30 with a free concert by **Bel Canto**, featuring nine women from the Bozeman Symphonic Choir with accompanist Stefan Stern. Members of the acclaimed **Muir String Quartet** and

Guests perform works by Weber, Schubert and Copland's "Appalachian Spring," July 14. The seven singers, actors and comedians of

The Ringling 5 bring some levity to the stage on July 28; talented young classical guitarist **Brig Urias** performs Aug. 11; and the series concludes with jazz by **David Morgenroth**, **Kelly Roberti** and **Jim Rotondi** on piano,

bass and trumpet, Aug. 25 (888-407-4071, ext.1 or sttimothysmusic.org).

Montana Folk Festival

– July 12-14 in Uptown Butte; this year's theme is "Gathering at the Headwaters: The Influence of Rivers and Riparian Lifeways in Montana and the

Mountain West." Six stages offer continuous performances throughout the free event, with two-dozen groups offering a profusion of dance and music, ranging from jazz to Cajun, old-time to gospel, and from Latin to bluegrass. A sampling includes Portuguese fado singer Nathalie Pires, Grupo Fantasma, bluesman Bernard Allison, Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, Irish folksinger Karen Casey, and "Pan" Franek, Zosia and the Polka Towners. The festival also abounds with art and crafts vendors, a lively family area, folklife demonstrations, the First Peoples' Market, and ethnic and regional foods (406-497-6464 or montanafolkfestival.com).

Vigilante Music Festival – Aug. 3 in Virginia City;

some of Montana's best bands take to the street, including Thermal Grass, Little Jane and the Pistol Whips, Andrew Gromiller and the Organically Grown, Montana Rose and the Dave Walker Band (800-829-2969 or virginiacity.com).

An Rí Rá Montana Irish Festival

– Aug. 9-11 in Uptown Butte; a vast array of Irish music, dance, history, language, genealogy and culture fills the historic uptown area. Some of the top names in Irish music will perform, including Tara O'Grady and the Black Velvet Band, Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones, The Black Brothers, Roisin O, Teada, and Whiskey Asylum. The Trinity Irish Dancers and Dublin Gulch add a local flavor to the event (406-498-3983 or www.mtgaelic.org).

Blues Fest – Aug. 23-25 at the Bale of Hay Saloon in Virginia City; Mo Hippa kicks off the festival on Friday; the Shuffle Bums play 1950-era blues on Saturday; and Quarry Road entertains for Sunday's Blues and Brunch (406-843-5700 or baleofhaysaloon.com).

Flathead & Mission Valleys

Festival Amadeus – Aug. 4-10 in Whitefish; the Festival Amadeus Orchestra launches the sixth annual classical music series at 6 p.m. Aug. 4 with a free open-air concert at Depot Park. The remaining six concerts, 7:30 p.m. at the Whitefish Performing Arts Center, begin with a chamber series: "Sonorous Voyage," with Brant Bayless, viola, Catalin Rotaru, double bass, and April Lane, piano, Aug. 5; "Quartet Quintet Rhapsody," with the Fry Street Quartet, Aug. 6; and "Emerging Virtuosi," with violinist Simone Porter and pianist Andrew Staupe, Aug. 7. The orchestral series features the orchestra with the Fry Street Quartet in "Festival of Concertos," Aug. 8; with Rotaru in "Mozart, Botessini and Bizet," Aug. 9; and with Porter and Staupe in "Mozart and Beethoven Grand Finale," Aug. 10 (406-257-3241 or www.gscmusic.org).

Riverfront Blues Festival – Aug. 9-10 at Riverfront Park Pavilion in Libby; musicians representing a range of blues styles strut their stuff. Friday's line-up includes the Red Hot Blue Chips, Peter Karp and Sue Foley, and the Rafael Tanquilino Band. On Saturday, catch the Skivees, Billee and Her Blues Boys, Carl Rey and the Blues Gators, the Ben Rice Band, Bill Magee Blues Band, and the Randy Oxford Band, culminating in an All-Star Jam (406-293-5900 or www.riverfrontbluesfestival.com).

Flathead Lake Blues Festival – Aug. 16-17 at Salish Point in Polson; 10 blues bands and solo acts perform. The Rafael Tranquilino Band headlines Friday's show, and Saturday's line-up includes David Shelley and Bluestone from Florida, and the Flathead's own Red Hot Blue



"Horse Shield" by Kevin Red Star

Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering honors Red Star

"Horse Shield" by Montana artist

Kevin Red Star has been selected by the Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Western Music Rendezvous as the official logo for the 28th annual gathering, Aug. 15-18 in Lewistown.

The painting was chosen in honor of Red Star, who is celebrating his 70th birthday this year, and as homage to the horse and the vital role it played in the early history of the Montana Territory and the West. "Horse Shield" will be featured on the gathering's three-day pin pass, posters and advertisements, and in its official program book.

Red Star will be a special guest at the Thursday evening kick-off barbecue and open mic, Aug. 15 at the Eagles. In addition, his work will be available throughout the gathering in the Eagles.

For more information, visit Montana-CowboyPoetryGathering.com.



Montana Folk Festival: Nathalie Pires

Chips and the Kenny James Miller Band. Regional faves Craig Barton, André Floyd and Mood Iguana, Three Eared Dog, the Bad Betty Organ Combo and Brother Music also take turns on stage (406-646-6816 or flatheadlakebluesfestival.com).

The Cowboy Poets and Fiddler Festival – Aug. 24 at the Upper Swan Valley Museum in Condon (406-754-3055).

Crown of the Continent Guitar Festival Concerts – 8 p.m. Aug. 26-29 and 7 p.m. Aug. 31 under the festival tent

at Flathead Lake Lodge in Bigfork; instructors at this summer's Crown of the Continent Guitar Workshop take the stage, offering locals the opportunity to hear some of the finest guitar players in the world. The fourth annual festival features concerts by classical guitar virtuoso Scott Tennant and the Grammy-winning Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, Aug. 26; electric blues rocker Robben Ford and multi-Grammy winner and guitar maestro Lee Ritenour, accompanied by an all-star rhythm section of percussionist Sonny Emory, keyboardist John Beasley, and bassist Abraham Laboriel, Aug. 27; the Pat Metheny Trio, led by the 20-time Grammy winner, considered the most acclaimed guitarist in history, Aug. 28; Ritenour and rock guitar wizard Darryl Stuermer, Aug. 29; and two venerable singer/songwriters, Livingston "Liv" Taylor and Mac McAnally, Aug. 31 (855-855-5900 or coguitarfoundation.org).

Great Falls area

Montana State Fair Concerts – July 26-30 and Aug. 3 at Montana ExpoPark in Great Falls; this year's lineup includes **Cheap Trick** with the **Great Falls Symphony**, July 26; **Dwight Yoakam**, July 27; **Kip Moore**, July 28; **The Oak Ridge Boys**, July 29; **Thompson Square**, July 30; and **Three Days Grace**, Aug. 3 (406-727-8900 or www.montanastatefair.com).

Montana State Old Time Fiddlers' Contest and Street Dance – July 26-27 in Choteau; this 45th annual shindig kicks off with a street dance and dance-fiddling contest. Open and state certified contests are on tap all day Saturday at the City Park Pavilion, with finals at 7 p.m. (406-323-1198 or www.montanafiddlers.org).

Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Western Music Rendezvous – Aug. 15-18 in Lewistown; Roy Rogers Jr. and his son, Dustin Roy Rogers, headline the 28th annual event, performing "Continuing the Legacy," a tribute to Roy Rogers, "King of the Cowboys," and Dale Evans, "Queen of the West," Saturday night at the performing arts center. In addition to a slew of poets and musicians, the gathering also includes a Western Art and Gear Show, workshops, Jam 'n Dances, a pig roast, barbecues, and Cowboy Church (406-538-4575 or www.montanacowboypoetrygathering.com).

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